



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community,

I am happy to report that the number of reported COVID cases continues to steadily decline since we returned to school in January. Nearly 12 percent of our students were in quarantine on January 6, an all-time high since the pandemic began. Today, the number of students in quarantine has dropped to below four percent. Additionally, the number of employees in quarantine is also down 50 percent.

While the declining number of reported cases is encouraging, today's update is to inform our staff, parents, and students **that we are extending the use of the virtual school as an option for any student absent from school for COVID-related reasons through Thursday, February 17.** By extending this option, we will continue to mitigate in-school transmission while preserving instruction time. Below are some reminders when a student is out for COVID-related reasons.

- Students join the class via the Live Stream Link found at the **top of teachers' Schoology courses.**
- Students **attend classes according to the bell schedule.** Students receive credit for virtual attendance when absent for COVID-related reasons.
 - Students must have their **cameras on during the entire class period to receive credit.**
 - Students who are well enough to attend virtually are expected to attend virtually. **Lack of attendance via live, synchronous sessions may result in unexcused absences.** Please notify the attendance office accordingly.
- Students should log in to Schoology during **physical education class** and complete the asynchronous assignment posted by their teacher. When a student's PE/Health class is meeting in a classroom for health, the teacher will live stream instruction and a link will be posted in Schoology.
- **If a teacher is absent,** a message will be noted at the top of the teacher's page in Schoology. Live-stream will not take place; students will work asynchronously on assignments.
- More details, including student expectations and norms are located on our website:
[Students: Live Stream Expectations](#) [Parents & Families: Live Stream Expectations](#)

We will continue to monitor the impact COVID has on our staff and students and update our school community of any changes to our mitigation strategy.

Thank you for your time and attention to this announcement.

Very truly yours,

Dr. James J. Lavender
Superintendent of Schools

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